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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Thomas Recommends Large National Park.

The College has recently published a bulletin containing the annual report of President Thomas.

Attention is called to the gift of the late Joseph Battell, a Middlebury alumnus and trustee, to the United States government of 3830 acres of Vermont forest land for the purpose of a national park. This land is situated in Lincoln and Warren, on the main ridge of the Green Mountains. The Long Trail of the Green Mountain Club extends the entire length of the tract.

President Thomas suggests a much larger national park for Vermont. He says:

"If the United States accepts this devise and establishes a national park in Vermont, the project should be enlarged to embrace a much larger area of the Green Mountains. I venture to suggest that an endeavor be made to include in the proposed park a strip along the height of land extending from the tract devised by Mr. Battell southwards at least as far as the highways from Brandon to Rochester. I have in mind the crest of the ridge extending down on the mountain on either side sufficiently to allow construction of a second highway along the entire length. Such a Green Mountain National Park would admit of a magnificent drive through the highest and wildest land in the state, commanding views of both Lake Champlain and the White Mountains, and through most of its length through grand virgin forests. It would speedily become one of the most popular recreational features in the entire country. It would lend distinction to Vermont as a recreation region and benefit the entire state. Within easy reach of the great centers of population it would be of value to countless numbers who can not visit the national parks of the west.

Mr. Battell's noble purpose should not be allowed to fail, but should be enlarged to meet the improved methods of transportation which have been effected since his will was written. A national park extending for twenty five miles along the summit of our mountains, approachable at three points both from the east and from the west from three main highways over passes of the Green Mountains, easily accessible therefore, to all travelers by our main north and south state roads is something which should appeal to every patriotic Vermonter, and one might expect that the project would commend itself to lovers of natural beauty and of the great outdoors throughout the entire nation. Middlebury College would render a notable public service if it could in any way forward the establishment of such a park.

That part of the report concerning the college shows clearly the healthy growth of the institution. Attendance,

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MIDD AT DARTMOUTH WINTER CARNIVAL

Middlebury to Participate for First Time in Dartmouth's Festival.

By the constitution of the Middlebury Outing Club, alumni, undergraduates and professors are eligible to membership. About fifty men have signified their intention of joining the new club, but the hearty cooperation of the entire student body is necessary to make this first season a success.

All men who have had any experience on skis or snowshoes are urged to come out at once and get all the practice possible. An interclass meet will be held directly after mid-years at which the men will be chosen to represent the outing club at the Dartmouth winter carnival, February 8, 9, and 10.

A trip to this carnival is well worth trying for. Some good material can be developed at Middlebury and many men here have had as much experience as the men from other colleges. Reports from Dartmouth are that their team is below average, and that other colleges will be represented by men who are fairly green in the sports of skiing and snowshoeing while Canadian colleges will not be well represented because their best men are at the front.

The principal sports are cross country ski races, about three miles; cross country snowshoe races, two miles; dashes on snowshoes and skis, 220 yards, and obstacle races on snow shoes and skis. We want a good representation at Dartmouth. Our success there depends upon the individual work done by the members between now and February 8.

Our New Professor.

Henry W. Lawrence, Jr., Ph. D., who next semester joins us as Assistant Professor of History comes with high recommendations and with an established record. He has been teaching since leaving Yale in 1906 and was on the faculty of the University of Vermont before accepting his present position in the history department of Dartmouth. Aside from his recognized success as a teacher he is the author of several historical treatises. He is a member of Alpha Chi Rho at Yale and also of the Phi Beta Kappa society. The Campus repeats President Thomas' utterance in chapel service recently when he expressed his pleasure at being able to welcome such a man as Prof. Lawrence to Middlebury College.

Prizes for National Defense Essays.

Prizes of $100, $50, $25, and ten of $10 each are offered by the Maryland League for National Defense for the best essay of not more than 1000 words on "Universal Obligatory Military Training and Service." All essays must be received at the offices ef the league, 810 Garrett Building, Baltimore, Md., before Feb. 15, 1917. The essay should present one view-point rather than a general discussion of the subject.

UNION MEETING IN HEPBURN HALL

Committee Appointed to Edit Middlebury Song Book.

The first Union meeting of the year was held in Hepburn Social Hall on Thursday evening, January 11. The attendance was not as good as it ought to have been, but the meeting was a live one in spite of this fact.

Lee '17, gave a short talk in regard to scholarship among the fellows. He said that the men did not come up to the grade of scholarship desired and it was up to the fellows to get down to work. The primary object of being in college is to study, he said, but he did not advocate being a grind, but rather pointed out that a small amount of time spent daily in real study could keep any one away from the danger line and relieve him of all fear when exams come around.

Boehm '17, spoke on the work of the Outing Club and why it had been organized. He said that every fellow who possibly could should take an active part in some winter sport, for it would not only help along the work of the club but it would be of material benefit to the men themselves. The club intends to send a delegation to Dartmouth, and it is up to the fellows to get out and practice for the events. A delegation to Mount Washington will be sent later in the season and this will do much to bring Middlebury to the front in New England as several of the larger colleges would be represented there at that time.

H. M. Davis '17, commented on the cheering at the basket ball games. He said that it was very good practice and would do much to develop material for regular cheer leaders, which is greatly needed at the present time as both the cheer leader and assistant are to graduate this year. Lee outlined the plan which had been worked out for producing cheer leaders. The men are to try out in the Sophomore year and a certain number will be chosen as associates in their Junior year. From this number the cheer leader is chosen in his Senior year. There has been considerable discussion lately in regard to giving cheer leaders their letter the same as athletic managers are now honored.

In giving the treasurer's report, Reynolds '17, said that Union taxes were now payable and that collection would be made very shortly to round up its finances. He said that it was plainly the duty of every man to pay this tax, especially since the organization is under such a heavy debt to Danolds for sweaters which were purchased from him some time ago. It was suggested that the names of those who did not pay the tax be printed in the Campus, but no action was taken on this matter.

The question of the "Middlebury Song Book" was brought up, and it was voted to give the president of the Union authority to select a committee of three to work in conjunction with the faculty

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"PICK" FISHER GIVES TALK ON BASE BALL

Interesting Lecture te the Men of the College.

Tuesday evening, January 16, Ray Fisher '10 gave a talk in the hemicycle on some of his experiences as a major league player. He told first of the spring training trips, which are hard both for the young recruits and for the older players; for the recruits, because they are under the necessity of making a good showing in order to be accepted; and for the older players, because many of them have taken on excess weight during the winter, and try to work it off by strenuous exercise. This vigorous training on the part of the older men is one of the things which shortens the lives of many of them.

"Pick" said that as a rule college ball players who have made a good showing stand the best chance of making the big leagues, but that it was unwise for such men to make baseball their profession unless they were accepted by the major leagues.

Admiral George Dewey.

As a part of the State of Vermont and a servant of its citizens, always seeking the best and the greatest, Middlebury College, through these columns, joins in recognizing the passing of a great man, Admiral George Dewey, "Hero of Manila Bay."

Admiral Dewey was a Vermonter, born at Montpelier and educated in its schools. He was an honor graduate of Norwich University in the class of 1858. He has come before the American people many times as a kindly, practical man who knew how to handle himself and the interests of the United States. Without doubt he was the best known and admired of any naval officer. Up to the last he was active as the head of the General Board of Naval Affairs.

In the closing words of the New York Times: "His long life was unstained. He was an American to be proud of, and the Green Mountain State has no finer figure among her sons."

Deutscher Verein.

On January 11 the members of Deutscher Verein met at the home of Prof. Skillings. Election of officers took place with the following results: Vorsitzende, Ruth Hesselgrave; Stellvertreterin, Elsie Foote; Schrift-und-Kassen-fuhrerin, Ruth Hall; member of the Geschaftsfuhrenden Komittee, Doris Richards. It was unanimonsly voted to invite President and Mrs. Thomas and Miss Ross to become honorary members of the Verein. After all business had been concluded various entertaining games, involving a use of the German language, were played. Meetings are planned for twice a month, instead of once as formerly, and it is hoped that all the members will take an active interest in making this year's Verein the best that has ever been known.

The Middlebury Campus.

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EDITORIAL.

The CAMPUS has long desired a suitable office where the work of publication could be centralized and a definite organization established. But in this as in many other things a good deal of patience and perseverance has been necessary to secure the desired results. It is, therefore, with a great deal of satisfaction that we take this opportunity to inform all who are interested in the welfare of the paper that the college authorities have gone to considerable length to adequately equip us for the work which the present status of the Campus requires.

A portion of the Union rooms in south Painter Hall has been set apart for our use, and the carpenter and electrician have combined to furnish a room of which we can reasonably be proud. Desks, chairs, a long table, and shelves for filing exchanges and the like make up a very convenient and practical equipment which greatly facilitates the work both of the business and editorial departments. The greatest advantage, however, lies in the ability to assemble the entire board in a place reasonably convenient to all and without annoying restrictions.

The Board deeply appreciates its new facilities, and every effort will be made on the part of its members to turn them to the greatest advantage of the paper. We desire especially that the members of the faculty and student body make free use of the office during the hours of opening as we have a large and constantly increasing list of exchanges which give a glimpse into the life of institutions similar to our own.

"Please Be Prompt."

It seemed quite amusing when these words were read at the end of almost every notice given out in chapel one day last week; and it was. Is it not deplorable, however, that it should be necessary to add these words to every announcement of a coming meeting? Are conditions just as they ought to be when the scheduled time of meetings must be placed at least fifteen minutes ahead of the time it is desired that the actual meeting begin? Think of the time you have wasted waiting for enough people to arrive to begin things, one of the times when you were not among the offenders. Count it up. Are you not amazed at the number of times you were among the offenders, when you stop to consider?

In these four years in college, we form many of the habits which we take with us into the world. Promptness is not one of the virtues least esteemed in that world. The beginning of a new semester is at hand. Begin it right. Here is your motto: "Be prompt."

The Meaning of College Training.

The question often arises as to the value of college training in making a man a more desirable member of society than he otherwise would be. Every year thousands of young men receive diplomas which often represent a great sacrifice, especially if a man is without means other than two strong hands and a courageous spirit. He must sacrifice much to attain the end in view. Often times he endangers his health, the greatest of all assets, and he certainly must forego many pleasures and so-called "good times" that are indulged in by the majority of his fellow students. It is hard to be left out of the banquets, expensive parties, and social functions, yet the man working his way must steer clear of many of these pleasant affairs and discipline himself to make his every resource count toward the attainment of the goal. Except on the part of the rich, a successful completion of a college course involves sacrifice, and every man attending college should take serious thought and see whereby he can get the most returns for his effort.

The first thing that college should do for a man is to develop in him a pleasing personality. The college man should be able to move in good society. He should be able to adapt himself to all sorts of people and conditions. Campus life should teach him that there is no room for a grouch. Not the rough, blustering cordiality of the tough, but the quiet friendly attitude, the little deeds of thoughfulness, the frank open look; these are some of the things that give a man a magnetic personality and mark him off as a true gentleman.

Then, too, the discipline of the college course should make a man the master of himself. It is not that hard math lesson he learned that counts, but it is the fact that he stayed at his desk and studied when he wanted very much to go to the show. Ten years after graduation it will make little difference whether a man can read a Latin sentence or not. Those things will be dead issues then. It will however make a tremendous difference whether or not he can use this same power of concentration to the task at hand. The college man should have learned to master his desires, inclinations, and passions. The flood of energy in his body should be completely dominated by the master will. His power of will should be able to mobilize his strength, passions and inclination into a force working for his highest interest. The motto of the Greeks, "Know Thyself", is good, but the words, "Master Thyself", represent the highest ideal to which man can hope to attain. And he that is master of himself has the whole world kneeling at his feet. No work is too large, no project too difficult for him to handle.

Lastly, a college course should give a man the true spirit of learning, namely, the spirit of progress. Through the influence of his professors and contact with the best minds of all time he should become inspired with a desire for new attainment. The every-day reaching out after new light should have made him realize how little he knows. Yet he should be ready and anxious to do his part, however small, toward exploring the great realm of hidden truth. He should be always tolerant of the opinions of others. His outlook on life should be as broad as life itself and his sympathy with human nature, human virtue, and human vice, should be wide and far reaching.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

The milk chocolate ordered before vacation has at last arrived and members of the Cabinet will be only too glad to have you purchase it from them.

The missionary pledges are now being collected. Don't wait until some one calls on you and asks you for your pledge, but bring it to Katherine Hurd of your own accord. If you have as yet made no pledge, it is not too late to do so now.

A Cabinet Training Council, composed of the University of Vermont and Middlebury Cabinets is planning to meet this spring and discuss Y. W. C. A. problems. It is expected that a speaker from the Y. W. C. A. headquarters will be present at the conference, which probably will be held in Middlebury.

A treat is in store for the members of the Y. W. C. A. on March 22, when Deaconess Gertrude Stuart of Hankow, China, will speak on "Work Among Women and Children in China."

The Y. W. C. A. meeting for January 18 was led by Huldah Thomas who spoke on the topic, "With Grenfell in Labrador." She told of Grenfell's early life and environment and his preparation for his work. She described the character of the country and brought out the extent and value of his work, with a final estimate of the character of the man.

Rev. H. C. Newell Talks Before Y. W. C. A.

At the regular Y. W. C. A. meeting of January 11, Rev. Henry C. Newell of the local Congregational church spoke to the girls on "Going to College in the Georgia Mountains." The institution to which he referred is Piedmont College, of which he was formerly President. He pointed out the differences between such a college and our New England higher institutions of learning and told of the struggles made by the young people in order that they might obtain an education. Mr. Newell related several personal anecdotes which brought his talk more forcibly before his hearers. In concluding, he said that any girl who was looking for an opportunity for real service could do nothing better than teach in one of the schools for the mountain-whites. She would not only be helping others but would be gaining for herself broader interests and experience. We wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Newell most heartily for his interesting talk.

At this meeting Helen Paine and Ruth Alger played a piano duet.

German Reading Contest.

Professor Skillings has offered a volume of German poems to the student who does the greatest amount of outside reading in German 8. He hopes that each student will enter the contest with keen interest. The increased vocabulary and better understanding of the German language, which additional reading gives, should be an incentive to competitors, as well as the prize so kindly offered.

Class in German Phonetics.

Professor Davison has been kind enough to meet once a week during the past semester with those advanced German students who are planning to take the teachers' course next semester and with others interested in the study of German phonetics. These informal meetings have been very helpful indeed to all those who attended them. Those who had never made a systematic study of phonetics found a new field opened to them in their study of German, while those who had already taken up phonetics found their knowledge organized and summerized at the conclusion of the course. Those who were thus benefited wish to thank Professor Davison most cordially for giving so liberally of his time and effort.

Kaleidoscope.

Now that the majority of pictures have been taken for the 1918 Kaleidoscope, we feel that the book has made a rapid stride in gathering material; but we are still eager for contributions. If the alumni wish to keep in touch with their Alma Mater, and other friends of the college to gain more knowledge and information of the life here, we know of no better way than by ordering a copy of our year-book, the Kaleidoscope, which tends to give as well as possible both the serious and the "funny ha-ha" in the life of the College on the Hill. Those desiring to order a copy of this book apply to Roscoe E. Dake, Kappa Delta Rho House, Middlebury.

"Know thyself," the seer of old said;
Alumni, "Noscite nos," we pray.

Hockey.

The freshmen beat the seniors in a hockey game, on Saturday, January 13, by a score of 3 to 1. As the sides of the rink had been replaced and the ice was in good condition, the spectators were given a splendid opportunity to witness the first inter-class game of the season. Both classes had experienced men on their teams, who had had good practice on the ice during the previous week, and as a result the team work was good.

The members of the freshman hockey team are: Freeland, E. Ross, F. Hinchey, Thomas, M. Ross, Gallagher, and Maul, with Davis and Rothermel as substitutes. The players for the senior team were: Montgomery, Hard, Benedict, Hyde, Sears, A. Davis, and Boyce.

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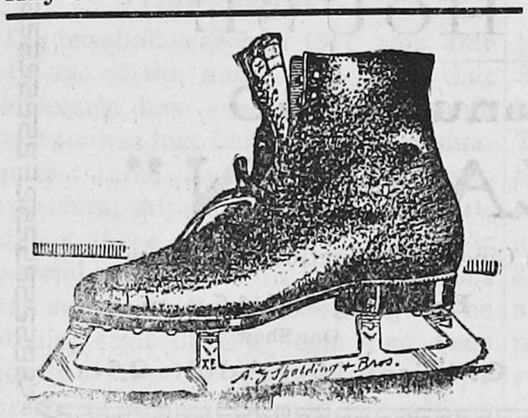
members of the committee selected for this purpose several years ago, in compiling the book as soon as possible. As considerable work has already been done on the book by the former committee, and as there are now funds in the bank to carry out the project, there is every reason to hope that the book will make its appearance within a reasonable length of time. The committee appointed by President Hollister is as follows: Benedict, chairman; Lang and Allyn.



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Alumni Notes.

'95. Dr. George Dow Scott, son of the late Rev. G. R. W. Scott, D. D., Ph. D., of the class of 1864, was married to Miss Jessie Platts of Liverpool, England, on January 23.

'15. Harvey E. Goodell of Readsboro has been appointed by Gov. Graham to the office of Secretary of Civil and Military affairs.

COLLEGE NOTES

The four Middlebury men who attended the conference of Older Green Mountain Boys at Burlington last week have been in quarantine in the infirmary at Hepburn Hall for five days, One of the members of the conference developed a case of scarlet fever and all who were in attendance from all over Vermont were ordered quarantined as a matter of precaution.

The morning chapel exercises on January 16 were conducted by Rev. Parker C. Manzer of Windsor.

Tri-Delta Formally Initiated.

The Alpha Iota chapter of Delta Delta Delta was duly initiated and installed at Middlebury College, January 10, 11, 12, and 13, by Mrs. W. W. Hanly of Cumberland, Md., assisted by Miss Marguerite Jones of Burlington. Miss Bertha Wood and Miss Ruth Graham, who are resident members of the sorority aided the installing officers in the initiation ceremonies.

Twenty seven girls, twenty-three of whom compose the active chapter, were initiated. Of the alumni, Elizabeth Wooding '16, Isabelle Griffith '16, and Irene Ingalls '16, were present, also Mildred Taylor ex'19.

Twenty delegates were present from the following colleges and universities; Colby College, Boston University, Adelphi College, St. Lawrence University, University of Vermont.

On Friday afternoon, January 12, a tea was given by the chapter in honor of the installing officers and guests. Mrs. Hanly, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Ross, Mrs. Mills, Miss Marguerite Jones of Burlington, Miss Jennie Craigue, and Miss Helen Cussons received. Mrs. L. I. Bonney and Mrs. F. E. Howard poured.

Friday evening and Saturday were given over to the formal initiation and installation of the chapter. Saturday evening a banquet was enjoyed at the Addison House.

Alpha Chi Initiation.

Alpha Zeta of Alpha Chi held its annual initiation and banquet on January 13 at the Alpha Chi house. The initiates were as follows: Ruth Hesselgrave '18, Buena Anderson, Ruth Ball, Elizabeth Ball, Johanna Begiebing, Ruth Farwell, Emily Hathaway, and Mary Smith of the class of 1920. Among the out of town alumnae present were Myra Bagley '10, Vera Suter '14, and Miriam Cutler ex-'17.

Sigma Kappa Gives a Tea.

A tea was given by the Sigma Kappa girls at the sorority rooms on Saturday afternoon, January 13, in honor of their recently chosen patronesses, Mrs. F. W. Cady, Mrs. D. L. Robinson, and Mrs. P. N. Swett. An attractive feature of the occasion was the program rendered, which consisted of selections by the orchestra, violin solos by Dorothy Nash, and readings by Elsie Foote and Ruth Scott.

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exclusive of the Summer Session has increased in the past eight years from 222 to 372, an increase of 69 per cent. The problem now confronting the college is not to secure attendance, but to provide adequate facilities and endowment.

In the past eight years 214 acres of land and nine buildings with a total value of $463,547.22 have been added to college property, but the rapid growth of the college demands still larger facilities and endowment. New professorships as well as new buildings are needed, and a million dollar endowment is the ambition of President Thomas.

The administrative offices of the college are scattered about in a number of different buildings. For the convenience of all concerned, these offices should be closely grouped, and because of its central and commanding views, the Old Chapel should be used for this purpose. In order to do this, many classes now reciting there would have to be moved elsewhere, and another building is necessary.

President Thomas suggests, therefore, a building known as Vermont Hall, to be devoted to those studies of special importance to the college as a Vermont institution and to symbolize its loyalty to the State to which it owes so much, and to further especially those studies by which young men and women are prepared for intelligent citizenship in the Green Mountain State. It should be built of Vermont material and in the style of architecture the forefathers practiced. It might well enshrine a portrait of Daniel P. Thompson of the class of 1820, author of "The Green Mountain Boys", the book which created the fame of the founders of the commonwealth and made Vermont the symbol of courage and strength.

Dr. Vernon Preaches at Chapel.

Last Sunday Rev. Ambrose W. Vernon of the Harvard Congregational church of Brookline, Mass., preached the sermon at vesper service. The Sunday before, Professor Harrington conducted the service in the absence of President Thomas who spoke before the student body at Massachusetts Agricultural College in Amherst, Mass.

Civics Club.

At an open meeting of the Civics Club, held on January 16, the members and other girls interested in the subject had the privilege of hearing Mrs. O. C. Ashton of Rutland speak on the subject of Equal Suffrage. Mrs. Ashton is a member of the National Federated Women's Clubs League. She spoke of the continued struggle of woman for legal, educational, and religious rights and of the opposition which she has been compelled to combat. She explained in how far this struggle had succeeded in the United States in general and Vermont in particular. The aim now, she declared, is to have a federal amendment passed providing that "the right to vote shall be in no wise abridged or denied to any one on account of sex". The girls were very much interested in her talk, and the clear manner in which it was presented made her facts the more impressive.

Hike to Mount Washington.

At the invitation of the Outing Club of Williams College, Middlebury will send a delegate to the hike, on Washington's birthday, to the top of Mount Washington. Members of the Outing Club should endeavor to qualify for this task.

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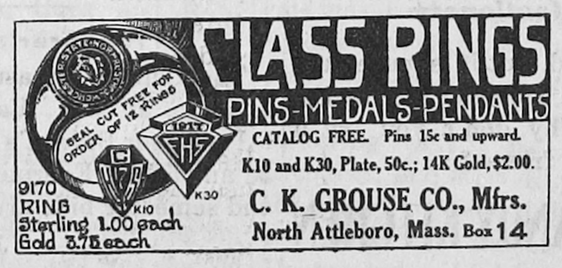

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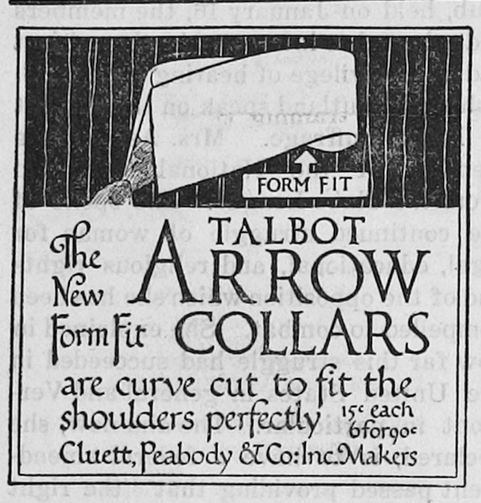
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Dramatics.

Two playetts were presented by the Dramatic Club in Pearsons Social Hall on January 18 at seven o'clock. The title of the first was "The Land of Heart's Desire," and the characters were taken as follows:

Maurteen Bruin, a peasant, Alice Harriman
Shawn Bruin, his son, Ruth Scott
Father Hart, a priest, Ruth Cambridge
Bridget Bruin, Maurteen's wife, Marguerite Jones
Marie Bruin, their daughter-in-law, Barbara Russell
A child, Ruth Farwell

The second play, "A Christmas Chime," was less serious in character and the embarassing situations portrayed provoked much laughter. The cast follows:

Joe Terrill, Goldie Courtemanche
Gladys Terrill, his wife, Katherine Ball
Dolly Wakelee, Ruth Clough
Ted Owen, Miriam Kempton

Great credit is due Miss Ross who coached both plays and had entire charge of them. An admission was charged, the proceeds of which were given to the Silver Bay Club.

Girl's Basket-Ball Games.

Wednesday afternoon, January 10, the third of the series of girls' basket-ball games was played. The Juniors won from the Seniors by a score of 12-6, and the Sophomores forfeited their game to the Freshmen because of their scarcity of players. The Senior-Junior game was an interesting one, but the fact that one game had to be forfeited was unfortunate. Sometimes we complain because more attention is not given to girl's athletics—but let us make the most of the opportunities we have to develop our physical well-being. Any girl who is planning to go to Silver Bay should come out and practice, because those who have been there, believe in "preparedness" for the honor of our College.

Wednesday afternoon, January 17, the fifth of the series of basket-ball games was played, the Juniors winning over the Sophomores with a score of 4-3, and the Freshmen over the Seniors with a score of 10-6.

Glee Club Trip.

The College Glee Club, Mandolin Club and entertainer start February 19 for a week's concert tour of southern Vermont. They appear first in Rutland, then in Ludlow, Springfield, Bellows Falls and Windsor. Probably about twenty-five men will make the trip, which promises to be a most beneficial one for both the men and the college itself. Manager Reynolds has been working hard to make the trip possible and is now making up a schedule for a second extended trip, this time thru northern Vermont. The men have been rehearsing all the fall under the direction of leader Williams and Professor Cunningham and are bound to make a creditable showing. Professor Cunningham will probably accompany them on the trip.

Treasurer's Notice.

The College Treasurer will conduct an office at the Warner Science Hall, —Professor Bryant's room,—on the 2nd, 3d and 5th of February, when the second semester bills are payable.

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